

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend numbered paragraph 0019, as shown below:

~~FIG. 6 illustrates~~ FIGS. 6A-6F illustrate alternative embodiments of the point source electrode tip.

Please substitute numbered paragraph 0026 for the paragraph as shown below:

The point source electrodes 36 used in the present invention bear special attention. While in the preferred embodiment of FIGS. 1-2 these point source electrodes are shown to be hypodermic needles, they may be of any structure that includes a sharp point at its distal end. The shafts may be round, flat, triangular, rectangular, etc., as desired. A non-limiting selection of such structures is shown in ~~FIG. 6~~ Figures 6A-6F. In all cases, at least the distal end of the shaft has a taper leading up to the tip and the tip comes to a single sharp point. The angle of the taper may vary but as sharp a taper angle as possible is preferred. Appropriate point source electrodes will be observed in the dark to produce a luminous discharge surrounding the tip when, as described below, the electrical potential is applied and the tip is disposed in the air flow.